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VARIABLE PATH LENGTH DEVICE

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 12, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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